

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for her careful consideration of this application.

II. Disposition of Claims

Claims 2-16 and 18-32 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 17 have been cancelled herein. Claims 33-79 were cancelled in a previous response.

Claims 2 and 18 have been deemed allowable by the Examiner, and have been rewritten in independent form herein. (*See* Examiner's Answer, at 2.) The dependent claims now depend from claims 2 and 18. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request notice of the same.

III. Remarks Regarding Previous Rejections of Claims

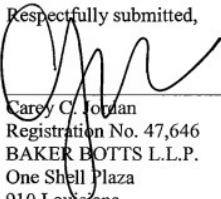
For Applicants' positions with respect to particular arguments the Examiner has made previously in this case, Applicants hereby incorporate by reference their Amended Appeal Brief, filed March 19, 2007, which is attached as an exhibit hereto.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the Deposit Account of Baker Botts L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 02-0383 in the amount of \$790.00 for the enclosed RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit the Deposit Account of Baker Botts L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0382, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,


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